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RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR1.116
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 15, 2006, Applicants request reconsideration of the rejections contained therein.

The Examiner rejected claims 36-45, 47, 50, 52 and 54-69 as being unpatentable over Taniguchi, JP 2000-331557 in view of Mizuno, JP 2000-329577. Further, claims 46, 51 and 53 were rejected as being unpatentable over Taniguchi and Mizuno in further view of Storm, U.S. 6,527,555. However, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention, as set forth in claims 36-69, clearly patentably distinguishes over each of Taniguchi, Mizuno and Storm.

As discussed in the specification, the present invention is directed to a vehicle mounted display apparatus that includes two different types of displays or display portions. The first is a transmission type display portion, and the second is rearward display portion mounted rearwardly of the transmission type display portion. The transmission type display device 2 can be turned entirely transparent or at least partially transparent, as for example described on page 15 of the original specification. It is provided with a function as a touch switch in which an image for operation, such as a button, is displayed as a touch switch display 4. It is illustrated in Fig. 3, and in the disclosed embodiment includes an organic EL layer 21 formed in a back surface of a